

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Abstract is amended, claim 3 is canceled, and claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 5 and 6 contain allowable subject matter.

I. The Abstract Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the Abstract of the Disclosure because the Abstract does not use proper language and format. Accordingly, the Abstract is amended. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Satisfy 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Accordingly, claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are amended. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,478,127 to Chase. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully assert that none of the applied references teach, disclose or suggest a front end part of an engine hood of a vehicle, wherein the front end part is made of a deformable plastics material and include means to fix the front engine part to the engine hood so as to extend the engine hood towards the front of the vehicle, in such a manner that the front end part accompanies the engine hood when it is opened, integrating at least a portion of the front light units of the vehicle as recited in amended claim 1.

The Office Action asserts that Chase recites the feature, "the front end integrates at least a portion of the front light units (28 borders the lights 12) of the vehicle" as recited in claim 3, on page 4 of the Office Action. Instead, the grille 10 in Chase borders (with its vertical element 28) the headlamps 12. The grille 10 is adjacent to the headlamps 12. Thus, the headlamps 12 are complete. In other words, the headlamps 12 are a whole element of the vehicle structure even without the grille 10. Therefore, the grille 10 of Chase does not integrate at least a portion of the headlamps 12 of the vehicle. Thus, Chase does not disclose a front end part integrating at least a portion of the front light units of the vehicle, as recited in amended claim 1.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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